

## **April Council Meeting**

**March 30, 2010**

Regular Meeting of the City of Hiram, Georgia

217 Main Street, Hiram, Georgia

Hiram City Hall

**The regular session for April held on March 30, 2010 of the City of Hiram was called to order by Mayor Rollins.**

Regular Session attendees: Mayor Carmen C. Rollins, Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris, Councilmember Post 2 Helena Williams, Councilmember Post 3 Teresa Philyaw, Councilmember Post 4 Derrick Battle, Councilmember Post 5 Earlene Graham, City Clerk Terri Holley, Executive Assistant to the Mayor Cynthia Geyer, City Operations Manager Jody Palmer, Interim Police Chief Trey Williams, Chris Barker, Angela Wingers, Geoff Sullivan, Jim Croft, Pep Rollins, Leo Parker, Heather Corn, Bob Tressel, Donald Brown, Stacy Buchanan, Scott Roberts, Earl Schafer, Steve Flockhart, Kim Williams, Tracy Buckner, Cassie Harper, Tyler Third, Lisa King, Brandy Bray, Gary Davis, Jason Waldon, Neal Bradley, Jason Williamson, Jackie Pryor, Boyd Austin, Pat Hughes, Tanja Patterson, Eddie Fincher, Jerry Bullock, Robbie Finley, Joe Anderson, Keith Bowles, Ken Oaks, Parham Sabetazm, Jesse Dunbar, Jason Ingram, Donald Roberts, Heather A Davis, David A Austin, Gary Gullledge, Clifford McGrady

The Invocation was led by Pastor Earl Schafer of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 76 Seaboard Street, Hiram, GA 30141

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cassie Harper of Hiram High School; Cassie is an intern for the City of Hiram assisting the police and court services. She aspires to become a police officer.

**10-28:** Mr. Fincher of the Paulding County Board of Education addressed the council regarding the Pledge of Allegiance program we are doing at our monthly meetings. He thanked the council and told them that this is a great learning experience for the children. He also mentioned the Hiram Hustle which was held in Hiram and commended the Mayor for handing out water at a water station, the police department and the explorers who all made the event a successful fun event for the community.

**10-29:** Interim Chief Trey Williams introduced Donald Roberts to the council as one of the newly hired police officers.

**10-30:** Mayor Rollins read a statement regarding ethics allegations against her brought out on Fox 5 news.

## **VISITOR BUSINESS:**

Visitors were given a chance to speak and told by City Attorney Glen Stinson that they would have 5 minutes to speak. Several people raised their hands to speak:

Gary Davis: with Give a Kid a Chance wanted to thank Mayor Rollins for all her help and vision in helping the community and children of Hiram and the surrounding community.

Ceilara Hubbard: spoke in favor of Mayor Rollins and the impact she has had on Hiram and the beautiful job she did with the park. She commented on how she always sees her at events and around working for the city.

Officer Derek Shellnut: Brought a letter signed by all the police officers making their opinion known that Trey Williams serving as Interim Police Chief should be made the permanent Police Chief.

Robbie Findley: Spoke in favor of Mayor Rollins, Mr. Findley is with the FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) he explained how helpful Mayor Rollins has been with his organization and how she has the community and city at heart.

Mayor Boyd Austin: Mayor with the City of Dallas, addressed the council and audience regarding Mayor Rollins and the kind of integrity and honesty she has in performing her duties while also serving on several boards with him. He also commented on the way she stands up for the City of Hiram in a tenacious way.

Scott Roberts: Former Captain of the Hiram Police Department spoke to clarify the process by which the original Black Hawk equipment was purchased from Main Street Pawn.

**10-31:** Don Brown addressed the City Council regarding the ethics allegations described on Fox 5 News. He filed a formal complaint with Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris asking Mr. Paris to convene a Board of Ethics (as prescribed in the 2002 Ethics Ordinance). Mr. Brown told the council that he was there not against the Mayor but to request this committee to make sure all the allegations brought against her were unfounded and to help clear her name.

**10-32:** Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris made a motion to award the City Hall Renovation bid to Talbot Construction in the amount of \$349,364.42, seconded by Councilmember Teresa Philyaw. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1 with Helena Williams abstaining with the explanation that she felt the money could be spent better buying a building for a police department and that she felt the city would outgrow this renovation quickly.

**10-33:** Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris awarded the quote for the downtown fountain contract to Outdoor Solutions with the stipulation they install the bollards prior to installing the fountain,

seconded by Councilmember Helena Williams. Motion carried with a unanimous vote 4-0-0.

**10-34:** Councilmember Earlene Graham made a motion to open the community center for rental use to the public excluding court and council meeting days, seconded by Derrick Battle. Motion carried unanimously with a vote of 4-0-0.

**10-35:** Councilmember Earlene Graham made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Paulding County in an inter-governmental agreement regarding the SPLOST split that was authored in a letter by Mayor Rollins sent to Commission Chairman David Austin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris. Motion carried unanimously with a vote of 4-0-0.

**10-36:** Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris made a motion to go into closed session to discuss property acquisition and personnel issues, seconded by Councilmember Earlene Graham. Motion carried unanimously with a vote of 4-0-0.

**10-37:** Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris made a motion to re-enter regular session from closed session, seconded by Councilmember Earlene Graham. Motion carried unanimously with a vote of 4-0-0.

**10-38:** Councilmember Earlene Graham made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Helena Williams. Motion carried unanimously with a vote of 4-0-0.

Terri Holley

City Clerk